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Six-year-old twins Ashley and Mary Kate Olsen, of the Full House TV series, made their motion-picture debut in To Grandmother's House We Go, which was filmed in Vancouver.

Made-in-Vancouver films win viewers

Happy Holiday!

The networks are happy and so should we be — the ratings for at least three of the TV movies made in Vancouver last summer are in, and they're great.

ABC's To Grandmother's House We Go (produced by Green Epstein and Pacific Motion Pictures) got a 16.9 rating (that means almost 17 million households in the U.S. watching TV that night were tuned in to the show).

No surprises there — the **Olsen** twins, who starred with **Rhea Perlman** and **Jerry Van Dyke**, have major TVQ's.

CBS's The Man Upstairs, with **Katharine Hepburn** and **Ryan O'Neal**, had an 18.8 rating and a 28 share. Not bad.

And A Killer Among Friends, with **Patty Duke**, again for CBS, got a 16.7 rating and a 27 share.

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As I write this, I'm visiting New York for a few days. Christmas and Hanukkah lights all over the place. Folks eating potato latkes and candy canes.

But back to business. I dropped by to visit a friend at HBO and noticed huge color photos on the walls from the TV movie The Exxon Valdez Story, which, as you must know, was also shot in B.C. They don't have the ratings yet, but it got high marks from the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C., where it was shown throughout their offices on closed circuit TV.

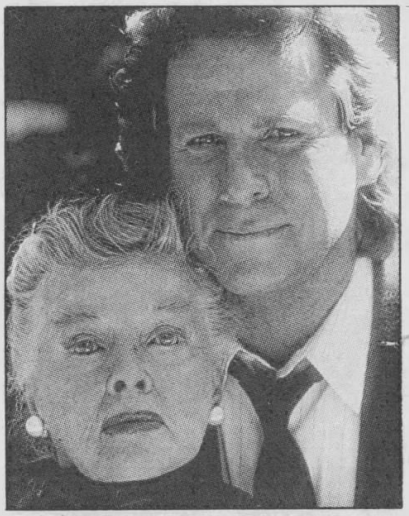
They were impressed with its accuracy, though the movie didn't cover all aspects of the story.

Ratings are more important than ever these days, with all the executive shuffles at the U.S. TV networks. The showbiz guys are gone, according to the trade paper Variety. It's the era of "bottom line honchos."

Groovy Move

Pacific Motion Pictures and Green Epstein spent most of Wednesday moving to their new digs at Railway and Dunlevy.

Los Angeles partner **Jim Green** headed back to L.A. after the move for a rest. He'll be back in town in mid-January to scout for another TV movie, Beyond Obsession.



Katharine Hepburn and Ryan O'Neal won an 18.8 rating and 28 share with The Man Upstairs.

PMP also has lots of goodies in their stockings for next month. Some movies of the week and a feature, would you believe? I hear through reliable sources they are now the busiest production company in Canada. Wonder if they know that?

Typecasting!

Last week, at Street Justice, the Cannell syndicated series being shot over on the North Shore studios lot, I met a guy named **Ted Scott**. He's a retired cop from the North Shore who decided when he quit working as a flatfoot, that he'd try being an extra in the movies. Well, will somebody give the guy a rest.

He's been working almost full time for five years now. And what does he play? A cop, natch.

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